



Traffic Services Section Michigan State Police Field Update #11

Providing Traffic Related Information and Services to Michigan Law Enforcement

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Traffic Crash Investigation Training

The Traffic Crash Reconstruction Unit, in conjunction with retired MSP Lt. Bill Brandt (BenchMark Traffic Services), will be offering two traffic crash investigation courses in 2006. A two-week [At-Scene Traffic Crash Investigation](#) school will be held from June 12-23, 2006. This course is fundamentally similar to the first two weeks of crash investigation training offered by other vendors. A two-week [Technical Traffic Crash Investigation](#) school will be held from February 6-17, 2006. This course builds on the At-Scene training and will prepare the student for Traffic Crash Reconstruction training if desired.

Students registering for the Technical level course should have completed an At-Scene course or its equivalent. Both sessions are open to all police agencies and will be held at the Troy Police Department Training Center, 4850 John R. Road, Troy. The cost is \$500 per student for each class. For information, contact [Sgt. Michael Bjork](#), Troy Police Department, at (248) 524-3430 or [Mr. Bill Brandt](#) at (517) 622-3135.

LIDAR Instructor Training

The Michigan State Police will be conducting three 8-hour LIDAR Instructor training sessions at the Training Academy, 7426 North Canal Road, Lansing, on January 10, 11, or 12, 2006. Students need to attend one day only. Each session is \$30 per student, including all materials and lunch. The course is certified by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES).

To be eligible, a candidate must be both a current RADAR and LIDAR operator, have a minimum of 24 hours of patrol experience with the LIDAR device, be an MCOLES certified police officer and have department approval to attend, and possess strong instructional and organizational skills. Each student must bring a LIDAR device [approved for use in Michigan](#). Contact [Sgt. Kevin Beasley](#) at (517) 336-6651 for information or to reserve a seat.

New Registration Plate Font

With the recent introduction of seven digit registration plates, the Michigan Department of State (MDOS) has changed the font slightly in order to make plates easier to read. The new characters are narrower, allowing for more space, and have fewer curves, making them more distinct at a distance. Effective December 19, 2005, all new plates will be manufactured with the [new font](#). Specialty plates will appear with the new font almost immediately, while standard plates will display the old font until existing inventory at the branch offices is depleted.

Abandoned Vehicle Information Update

The MDOS has recently added abandoned vehicles to their [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page. This page addresses most of the issues that have arisen as a result of the new law. The two most common concerns are:

- Some vehicles impounded pursuant to MCL 257.252d are held for evidence or forfeiture. Enter these vehicles into LEIN as impounded rather than abandoned.
- If a TR-52 is not received, the police agency address may not match the ORI. Confirm the address by checking the VIN on the [abandoned vehicle website](#). A [duplicate TR-52](#) can be obtained, or an old-stock paper TR-52 can be used. Contact [Vicky Sandborn](#) at (517) 336-6167 to provide an updated ORI address.

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